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SUBJECT: AMERICAN CITIZENS MISSING OR DETAINED IN PDRY

REF: STATE 66999, LONDON 5608

1. FCO HAS RECEIVED REPLY FROM ADEN TO QUESTIONS IN STATE REFTEL: (A) TORHAN'S TRIAL HAS NOT YET BEGUN, NOR CAN SOUTH YEMENI FOREIGN MINISTRY SAY WHEN IT WILL BEGIN. BRITISH EMBASSY THINKS TORHAN'S TRIAL WILL CLOSELY RESEMBLE FRANKLIN'S. (B) NO FUNDS ARE REQUIRED AT PRESENT. (C) BRITISH EMBASSY SENDS LETTERS FOR TORHAN TO FOREIGN MINISTRY, BUT DOES NOT KNOW IF HE RECEIVES THEM. FOREIGN MINISTRY PASSES NO REPEAT NO LETTERS FROM TORHAN TO THE EMBASSY, THOUGH EMBASSY DOES NOT KNOW IF HE WRITES ANY. EMBASSY BELIEVES SOUTH YEMENI SECURITY SERVICE IS THE PROBLEM, ACTING AS INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTRY AND TORHAN. (D) BRITISH EMBASSY REGULARLY RECEIVES LETTERS FROM KOPP'S MOTHER. IT IS HOLDING THESE LETTERS UNTIL SOUTH YEMEN AUTHORITIES ACKNOWLEDGE KOPP IS IN THEIR CUSTODY. IN LIGHT OF EXPERIENCE WITH TORHAN, HOWEVER, EMBASSY CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT KOPP WILL RECEIVE LETTERS EVEN IF THESE WERE EVENTUALLY PASSED ON TO FOREIGN MINISTRY. (E) BRITISH EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT AN APPROACH TO SOUTH
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YEMEN DELEGATE AT UN WOULD BE TIMELY. TO BEGIN WITH,

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THIS DELEGATE HAS NEVER COME UP WITH REPORT HE PROMISED ON TORHAN. SECOND, IT WOULD APPEAR FROM FRANKLIN CASE THAT THERE MUST BE SOME QUID PRO QUO IF TORHAN AND KOPP ARE TO BE RELEASED. IT WOULD THEREFORE SEEN APPROPRIATE TO TRY SOUNDING OUT SOUTH YEMENI UN DELEGATE ON WHAT THIS QUID MIGHT BE.

2. BRITISH EMBASSY REGRETS THAT IT HAS MADE NO PROGRESS FORE PROVIDE NO ACCOUNT OF HIS WELFARE. ALSO REGRETS THAT LAST TIME IT WAS ABLE TO SEE TORHAN WAS NOVEMBER.

3. BRITISH NOTE DEPARTMENT REPORT THAT AMERICAN RED CROSS HAS WRITTEN TO KOPP'S MOTHER SAYING HE IS UNDER DETENTION IN PDRY. BRITISH WONDER IF RED CROSS MIGHT BE CONFUSING KOPP WITH TORHAN. TO CLARIFY THIS, THEY WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING MORE DETAILS OF WHAT THE RED CROSS SAID.

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